GALATIANS

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Questions Answered



- Who wrote it? Paul
- Who was it written to? Galatian believers
- Where was it written from? Syrian Antioch
- When was it written? A.D. 49
- Why was it written? Counteract the Judaizers teaching sanctification by works

3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification**: freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification**: freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification**: freedom from sin's presence

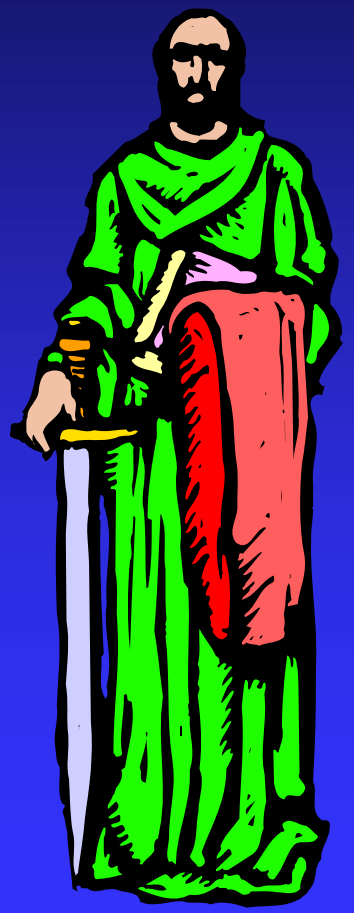
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- What is inside? Autobiography, doctrine, application
- What is it about? Sanctification attained the same way as justification
- How does the book apply to daily life? How to be holy

Introduction (Gal 1:1-10)

- Greeting (Gal 1:1-2)
- Gospel (Gal 1:3-5)
- Denunciation (Gal 1:6-10)

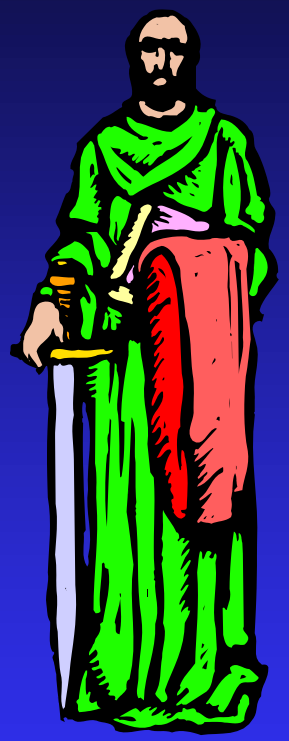


Why Was It Written? Occasion

- Ad hominem attack against Paul
  - Acts 1:21-22
  - Apostleship (1 Cor 15:8-9)



Paul Defends His Apostleship (Gal 1:11—2:21)



- Independence (Gal 1:11-24)
- Interdependence (Gal 2:1-10)
- Rebuke of a lead apostle (Gal 2:11-21)

What is Inside? Structure

- 1–2: Autobiographical section
- 3–4: Doctrinal section
- 5–6: Practical section



Gal 3:1-5 Outline

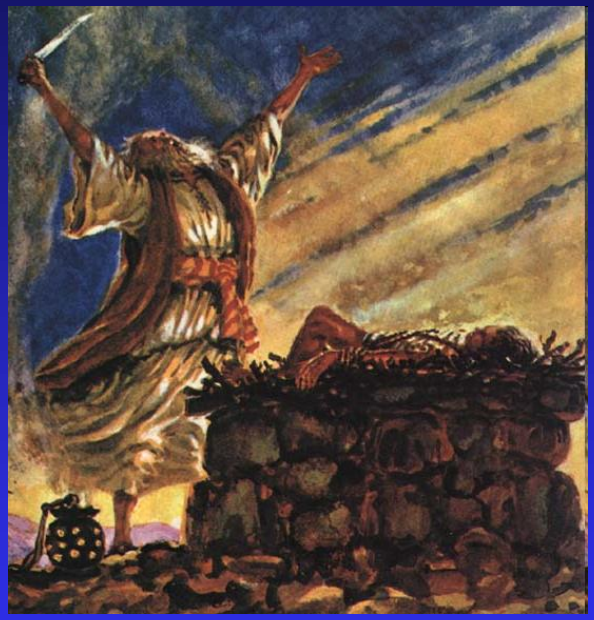


- I. The charge (3:1)

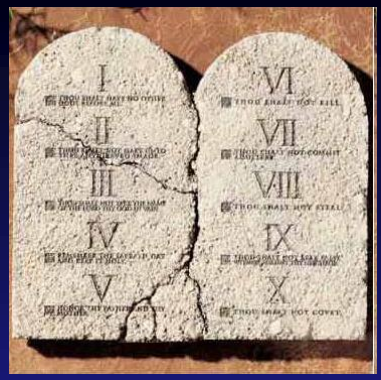
- II. The questions (3:2-5)
  - A. How did you receive the Spirit? (2)
  - B. Are you now being perfected by the flesh? (3)
  - C. Have you suffered so much in vain? (4)
  - D. On what basis does God work miracles among you? (5)

Gal 3:6-9 Outline

- I. The pattern of Abraham (3:6)
- II. The progeny of Abraham (3:7)
- III. The purpose of Abraham (3:8)
- IV. The promise of Abraham (3:9)



Gal 3:10-25 Outline



- I. The Law's inability to justify (3:10-12)
- II. Christ redeemed us from the Law's curse (3:13-14)
- III. The Law does not nullify faith (3:15-18)
- IV. The purpose of the Law is to lead us to Christ (3:19-25)

The Privileges of Adulthood (3:26-29)

- 26-Sons of God
- 27-Baptism into Christ
- 28-One with other Christians
- 29-Children of Abraham



Gal 3–4 Overview

- 3: Doctrine explained
- 4: Doctrine illustrated



Gal 4 Overview

- Doctrine illustrated
  - Domestic (1-11)
  - Personal (12-20)
  - Biblical (21-31)



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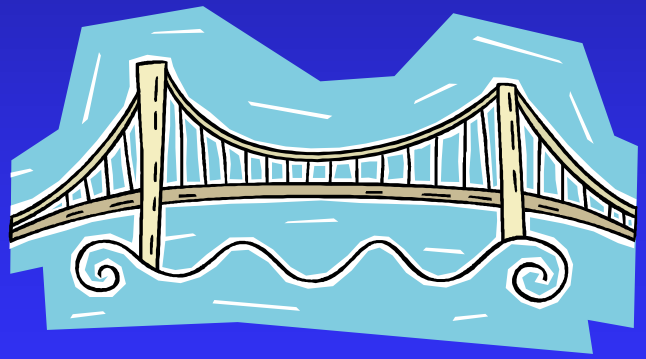
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Galatians 5:1

Therefore…

1-4



5-6

Gal 5 Overview

- Balance in the Christian Life
  - No to legalism (1-12)
  - No to license (13-15)
  - Yes to the Spirit (16-26)



Gal 5:16-26 Overview

- Promise of victory (5:16-18)
- Works of the flesh (5:19-21)
- Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)
- Provision for victory (5:24-26)



Promise of Victory (Gal 5:16-18)

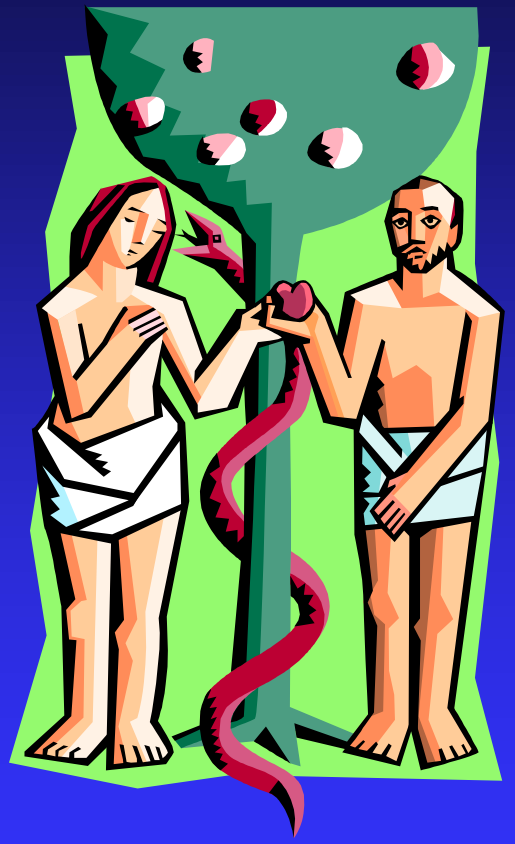


- Command (5:16a)
- Promise of victory over the flesh (5:16b)
- Conflict described (5:17)
- Victory over the flesh through the Spirit rather than the Law (5:18)



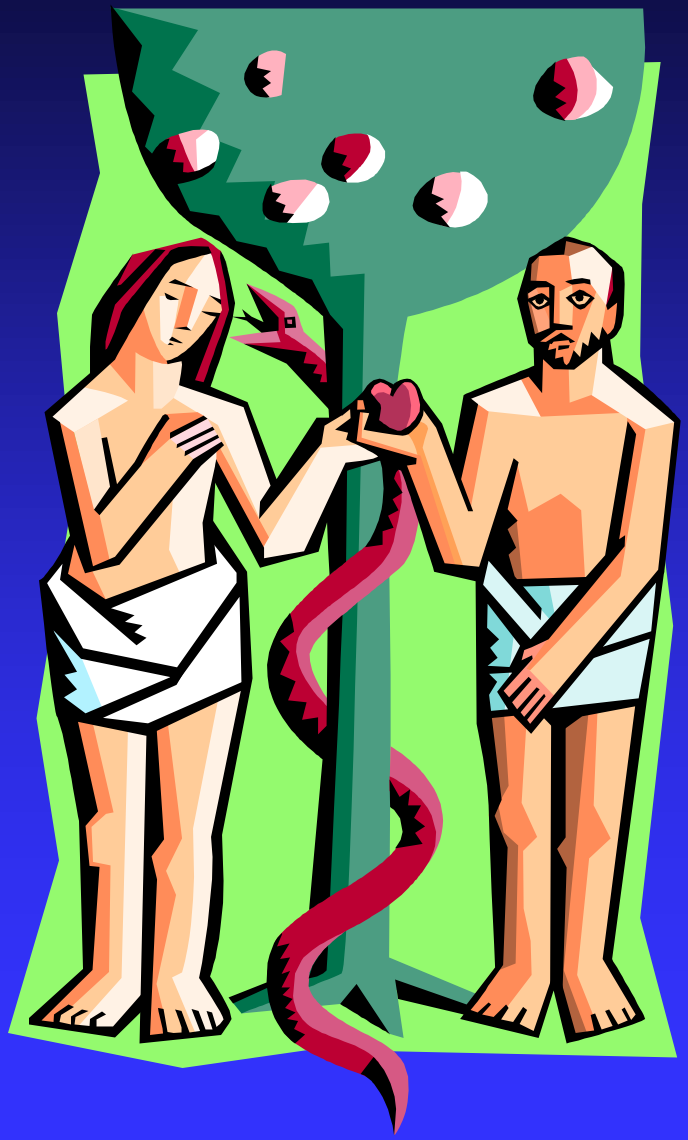
Works of the Flesh (Gal 5:19-21)

- Sexual sins (5:19b)
- Religious sins (5:20a)
- Social discord (5:20b-21a)
- Intemperate sins (5:21b)
- Generic sins (5:21c)



Sexual Sins (Gal 5:19b)

- Immorality
- Impurity
- Sensuality



Religious Sins (Gal 5:20a)

- Idolatry
- Sorcery



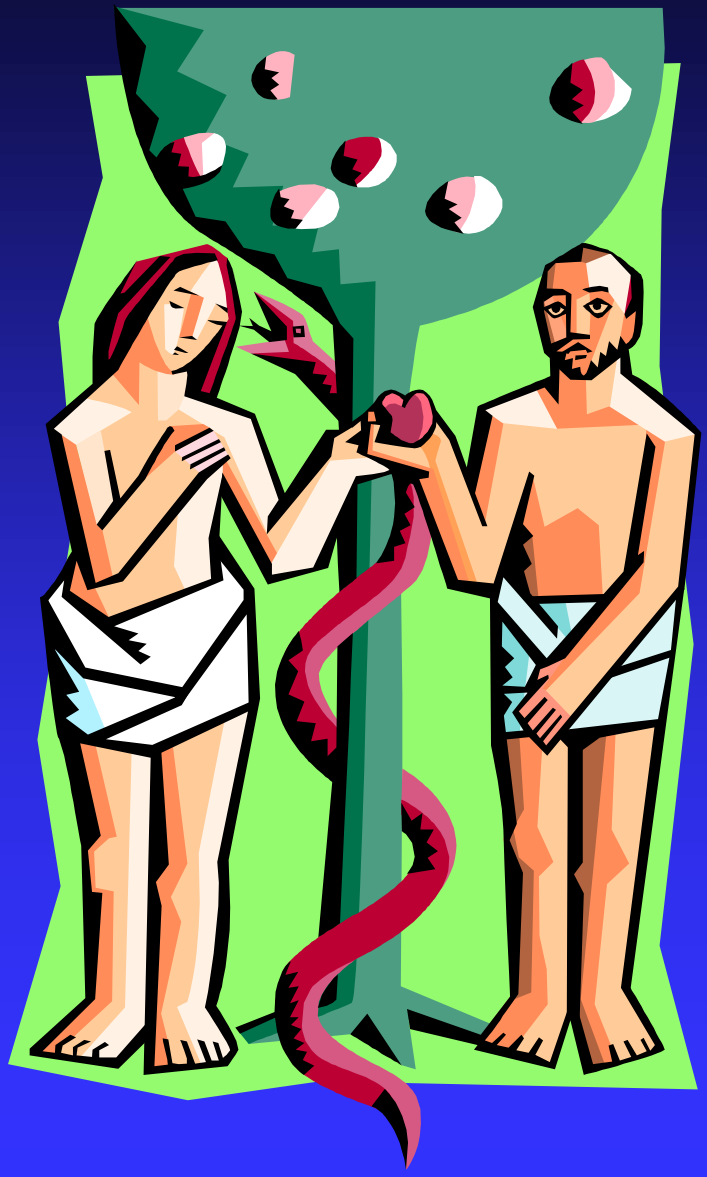
Social Sins (Gal 5:20b-21a)

- Enmities
- Strife
- Jealousy
- Outbursts of anger
- Disputes
- Dissensions
- Factions
- Envying



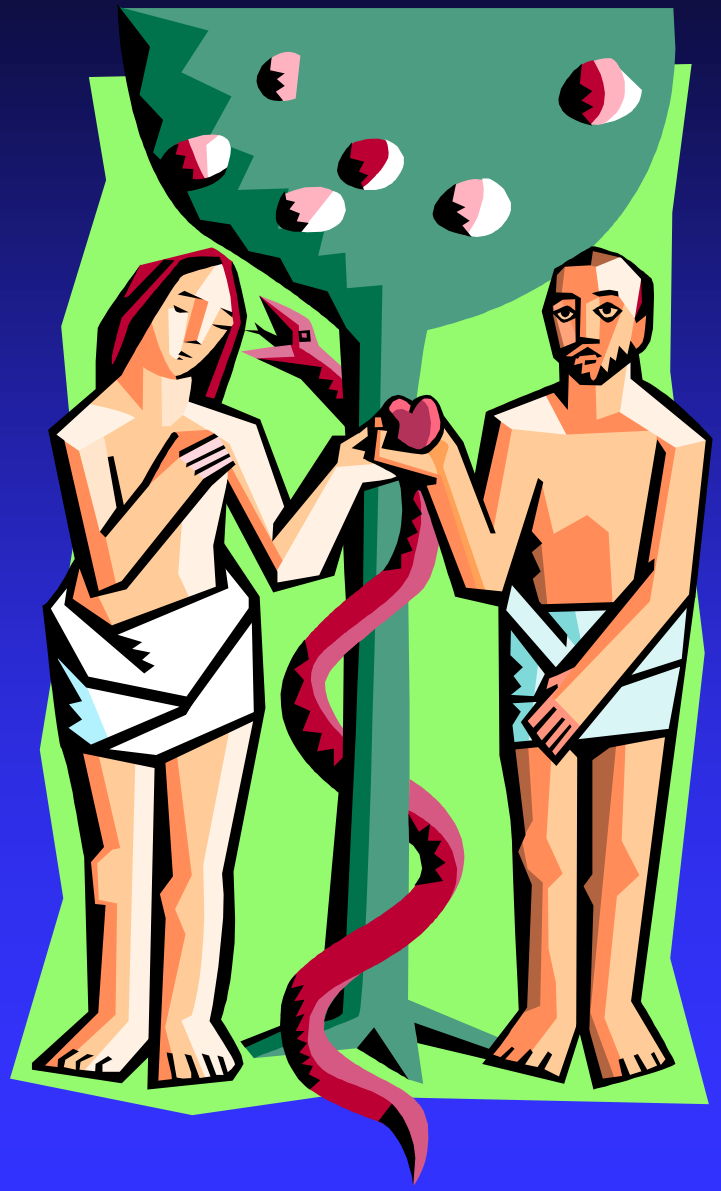
Intemperate Sins (Gal 5:21b)

- Drunkeness
- Carousing



Generic Sins (Gal 5:21c)

- “And the like”

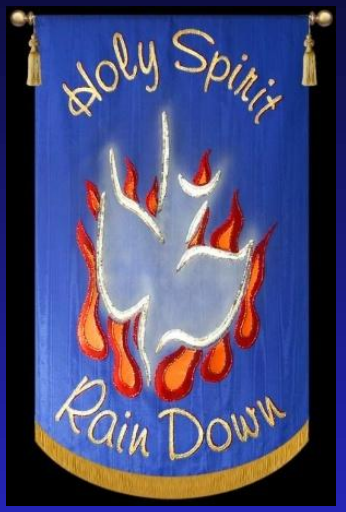


Conclusion (Gal 5:21d)

- "Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God"
- 2 views
  - Unbelievers
  - Unrewarded believers



Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)



- Mental or
  God-ward attributes (5:22b)
- Interpersonal or man-ward attributes (5:22c)
- Personal or self-ward attributes (5:22d-23a)

Mental or God-ward Attributes (5:22b)

- Love
- Joy
- Peace



Interpersonal or Man-ward Attributes (5:22c)

- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness



Personal or Self-ward Attributes (5:22d-23a)

- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self control



Conclusion (Gal 5:23b)

- "Against such things there is no Law"
- Point of the book
  - Sanctification not by the Law
  - Sanctification by the Spirit
  - Fruit of the Spirit



Provision for Victory (Gal 5:24-26)

- Provisions (24-25)
  - Co-crucifixion with Christ (24)
  - Holy Spirit (25)

- The flesh to be conquered (5:26)
  - Pride
  - Dissension
  - Envy

